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SUBJECT: MC NAMARA VISIT

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. I HAD CHANCE TO TALK BRIEFLY WITH IBRD PRESIDENT MC NAMARA AT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER NOVEMBER 16. IN ADDITION, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN HAS PROVIDED ME WITH HIS REACTIONS TO THE VISIT AND GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO REVIEW A COPY OF AN AIDE-MEMOIRE WORKED OUT BY BANK AND GOJ. END SUMMARY.

2. MC NAMARA SAID HE HAD SPOKEN IN VERY FRANK TERMS WITH JORDANIANS ABOUT THE NEED FOR THEM TO PUT THEIR HOUSE MORE IN ORDER BEFORE BANK WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO AHEAD AND ASSUME A KIND OF MANAGERIAL ROLE IN CONNECTION WITH STIMULATING A FLOW OF RESOURCES TO JORDAN FOR ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR THE NEED FOR A FAIRLY THOROUGH REFORM OF THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS -- THERE WERE TOO MANY AGENCIES AND TOO MANY PEOPLE INVOLVED. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT MORE RIGOROUS PLANNING, INCLUDING ACCURATE AND DEFINITIVE INITIAL PLANS IN
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CONNECTION WITH THE FIVE-YEAR RIFT VALLEY PACKAGE, NEEDED TO

BE DRAWN UP. HE HAD ASKED ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF HIS MISSION TO WORK WITH JORDANIANS ON THIS PROJECT. FINALLY, HE FELT THAT IBRD MISSION WORKING HERE WAS NOT BEING USED EFFECTIVELY OR FULLY.

3. CROWN PRINCE TOLD ME HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED BY MC NAMARA REACTION AND THE POINTS WHICH HE MADE. CROWN PRINCE HAS FELT FOR MANY MONTHS THESE ISSUES HAD TO BE TACKLED BY GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION, CROWN PRINCE TOLD ME THAT MC NAMARA TALKED WITH PRIME MINISTER IN ABOVE TERMS AND ADDED THAT HE MADE CLEAR JORDANIAN PROJECT FOLLOW-THROUGH WAS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE. I TOLD MC NAMARA THESE WERE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD CONCERNED OUR MISSION HERE FOR SOME TIME AND THAT I WAS VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT A PERSON OF HIS STATURE AND INDEPENDENCE HAD TALKED FREELY WITH JORDANIANS ABOUT THE QUESTION. HE SAID HE APPRECIATED FACT THAT POLITICAL FACTORS OFTEN MADE IT DIFFICULT FOR DONOR STATES TO SPEAK WITH SUCH INDEPENDENCE AND FRANKNESS, BUT THAT JORDAN HAD SO MUCH TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF HUMAN POTENTIAL THAT IT WAS DISTURBING NOT TO SEE THEM MAKE THE MOST OF THE SITUATION.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, CROWN PRINCE LET ME REVIEW ON A PRIVATE BASIS THE TEXT OF AN AIDE-MEMOIRE DRAWN UP BY THE BANK AND THE GOJ. THE BANK OUTLINES ITS WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE A CENTRAL ROLE IN JORDANIAN DEVELOPMENTS IF JORDAN WILL ITSELF FOLLOW-THROUGH IN A NUMBER OF AREAS. IT SETS A JANUARY DEADLINE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FIVE REPORTS BY THE GOJ -- THREE DEALING WITH LONG-RANGE PLANNING AND TWO WITH MORE IMMEDIATE PROJECT PLANNING. CROWN PRINCE EXPLAINS THAT STRATEGY IS TO PROCEED WITH BANK ROLE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT THREE-YEAR PLAN, PHASING INTO NEW FIVE-YEAR EFFORT IN EARLY 1976 WITHOUT A MAJOR BREAK IN THE EFFORT.

5. IN THE AIDE-MEMOIRE JORDAN UNDERTAKES TO PREPARE:
(1) A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE STATUS REPORT ON THE PROGRESS AND DIFFICULTIES OF PRESENT THREE-YEAR PLAN; (2) A DETAILED PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE, INCLUDING THE RIFT
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VALLEY DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF A FURTHER NATIONAL PLAN EMBRACING THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE; AND (3) AN ACCURATE FINANCIAL PLAN COVERING THE NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE, FINANCES IN HAND, GOVERNMENT BUDGET EFFORTS DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUTURE AND SIMILAR STATISTICAL MATERIAL WITH WHICH THE BANK CAN WORK.

6. IN TERMS OF SHORT-RANGE EFFORTS AND IN CONNECTION

WITH THE CURRENT THREE-YEAR PLAN AS WELL AS ONGOING EFFORTS, THE JORDANIANS ARE TO PREPARE ALSO SPECIAL REPORTS ON: (A) THE EAST GHOR AND THE BANK'S EXPECTED ROLE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT, AND (B) THE WHOLE AREA OF MINERALS AND MINERAL-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT. THESE REPORTS ARE TO COVER THE STATUS OF PROJECTS TO DATE, FOREIGN DONOR INTEREST, CURRENT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND TO INCLUDE SUCH ITEMS AS A CRITICAL PATH ANALYSIS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE FUTURE

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7. ALL OF THE ABOVE MEANS THAT JORDAN HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE BANK TO PULL UP ITS SOCKS IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BEFORE THE BANK WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER UNDERTAKING THE COORDINATING ROLE WHICH THE CROWN PRINCE AND THE GOJ WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT ASSUME. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE CROWN PRINCE IS INTENT ON SEEING THAT THIS IS DONE. HE HAS HOPES, AND REASON TO HOPE, THAT A NEW CARETAKER GOVERNMENT WHICH WE BELIEVE THE KING WILL ANNOUNCE SHORTLY WILL INCLUDE SOME REFORMS WHICH HE HAS PROPOSED IN INTERNAL ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THESE INCLUDE THE AMALGAMATION OF SOME MINISTRIES AND SOME INDEPENDENT AGANCIES INTO A MORE RATIONAL EFFORT. HE HOPES ALSO THAT MINISTERS

WILL BE APPOINTED WITH WHOM HE CAN WORK MORE DIRECTLY.
ALL OF THIS INDICATES THAT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE
FOR JORDAN TO MAKE MAJOR STRIDES IN BOTH THE INTERNAL
PREPARATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND IN CARRYING THROUGH.
WE THINK THE MC NAMARA VISIT WAS AN IMPORTANT CATALYST
AND STARTER IN THIS EFFORT AND WE OF COURSE WILL FOLLOW
WITH GREAT INTEREST JORDANIAN REACTIONS AND FOLLOW-THROUGH.
HOWEVER, IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT JORDANIANS WILL BE HARD
PUT TO FULFILL ALL THE CONDITIONS MC NAMARA HAS LAID DOWN.
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WASHINGTON IS WELL AWARE OF THE SLOW PACE AT WHICH THE RIFT
VALLEY PACKAGE ITSELF WAS PUT TOGETHER. CONSEQUENTLY,
AS MINIMUM WE EXPECT CONSIDERABLE SLIPPAGE IN SCHEDULE FOR
WORK COVERED BY AIDE-MEMOIRE. WE WILL KEEP IN CONTACT WITH
JORDANIANS INVOLVED AND AS APPROPRIATE COLLABORATE WITH
THEM AND BANK REPRESENTATIVES.
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